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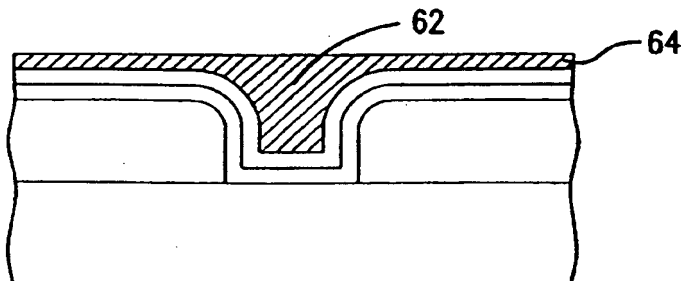
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ABSTRACT

A system and method to form a stacked barrier layer for copper contacts formed on a substrate. The substrate is serially exposed to first and second reactive gases to form an adhesion layer. Then, the adhesion layer is serially exposed to third and fourth reactive gases to form a barrier layer adjacent to the adhesion layer. This is followed by deposition of a copper layer adjacent to the barrier layer.

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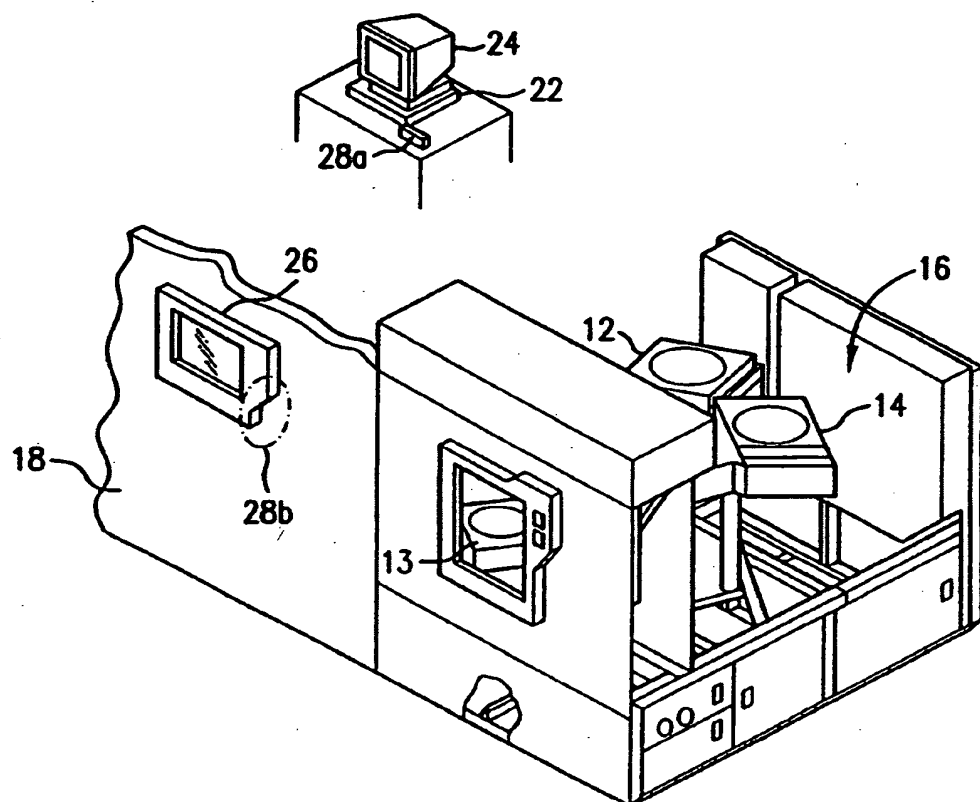


FIG. 1

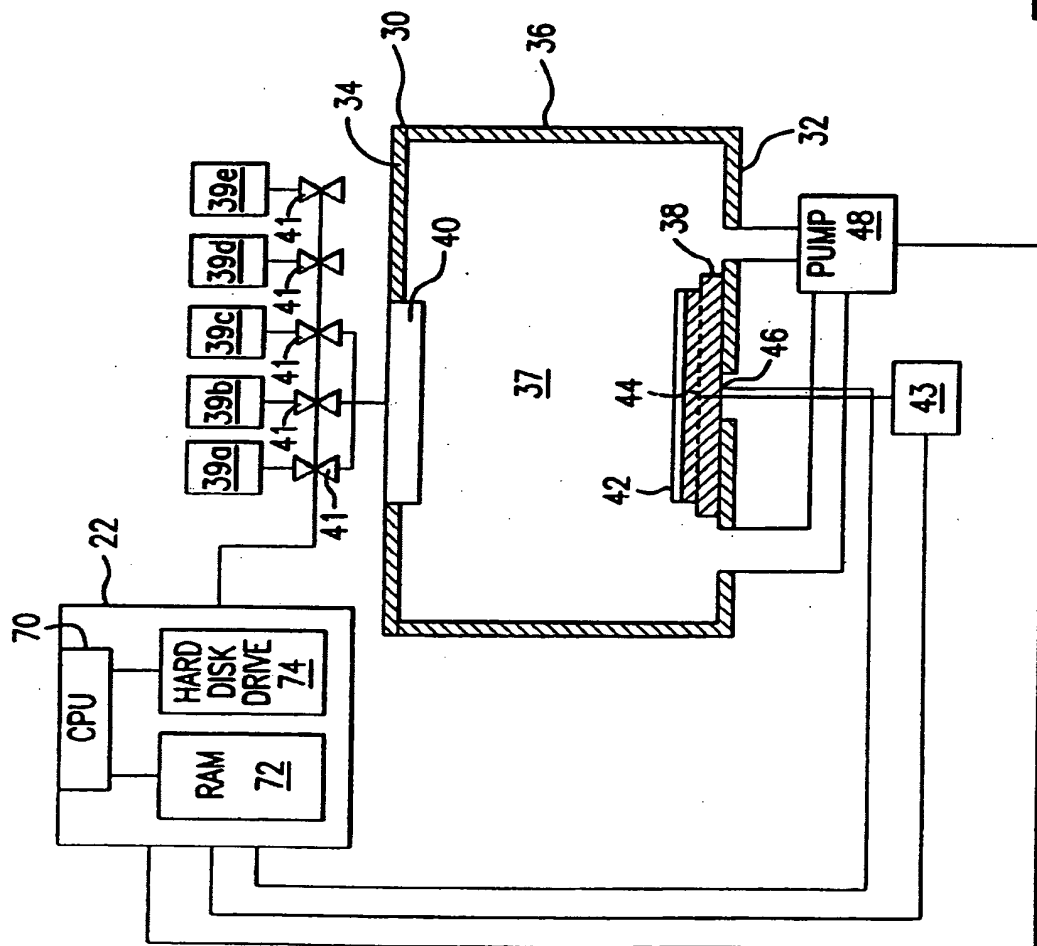


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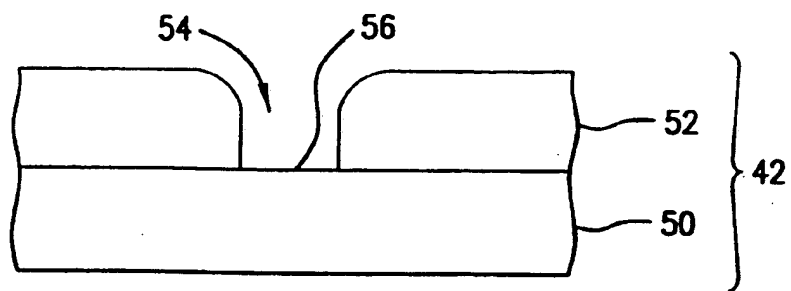


FIG. 3

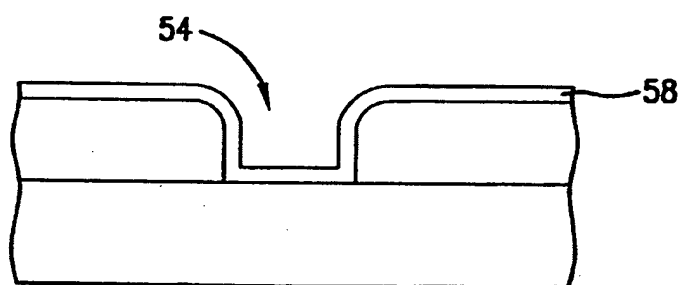


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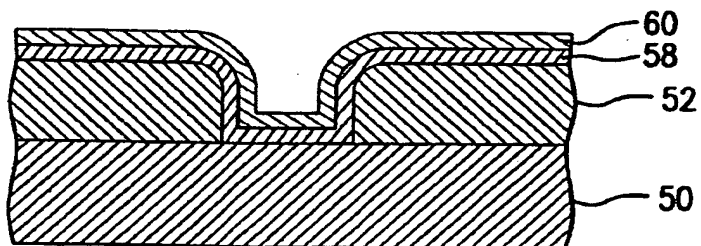


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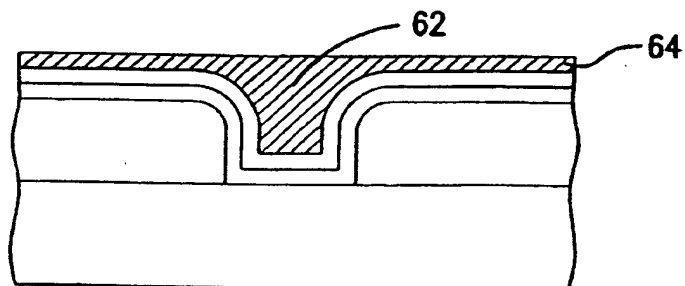


FIG. 6

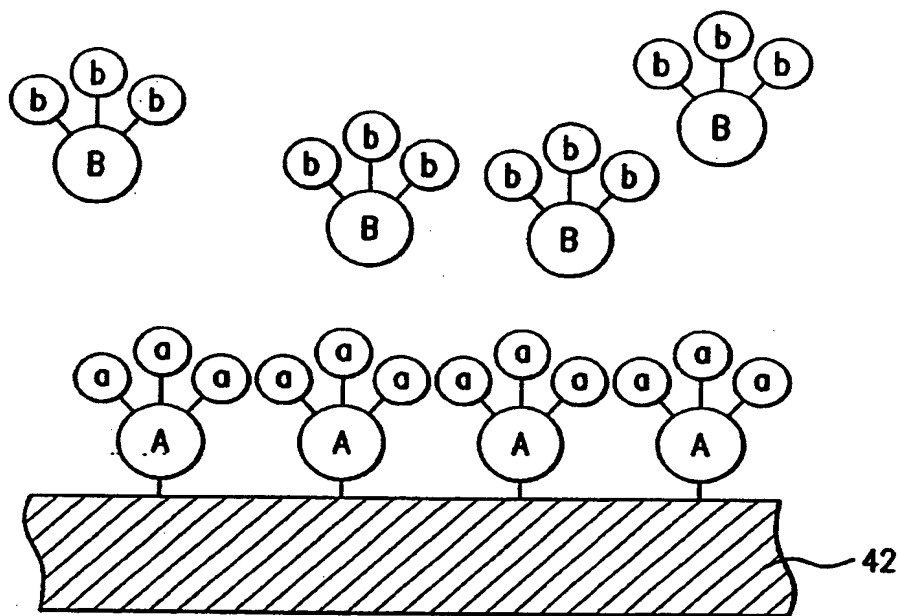


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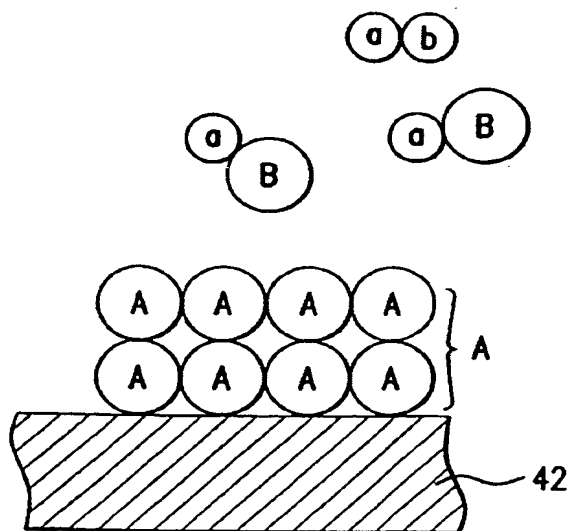


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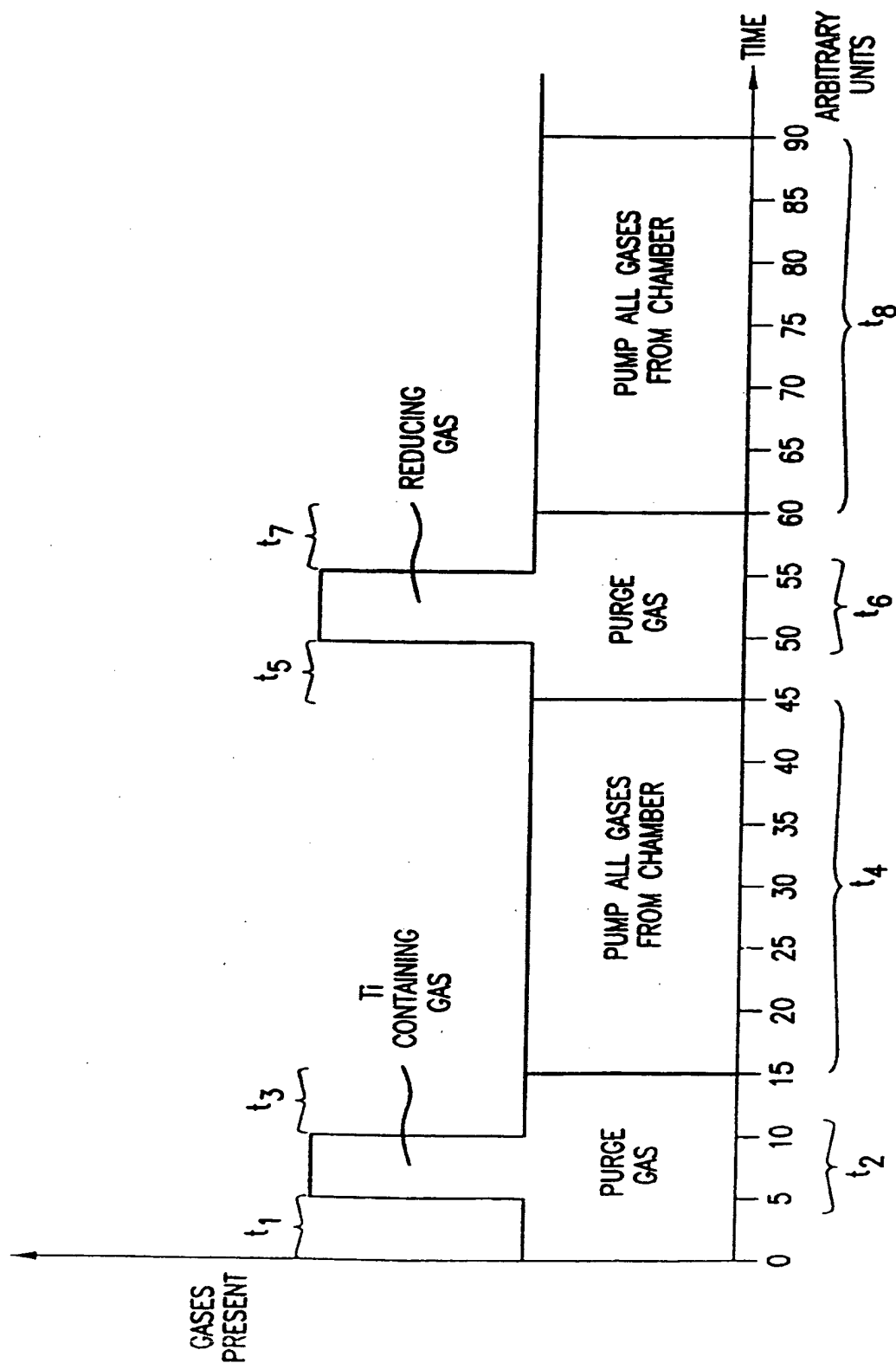


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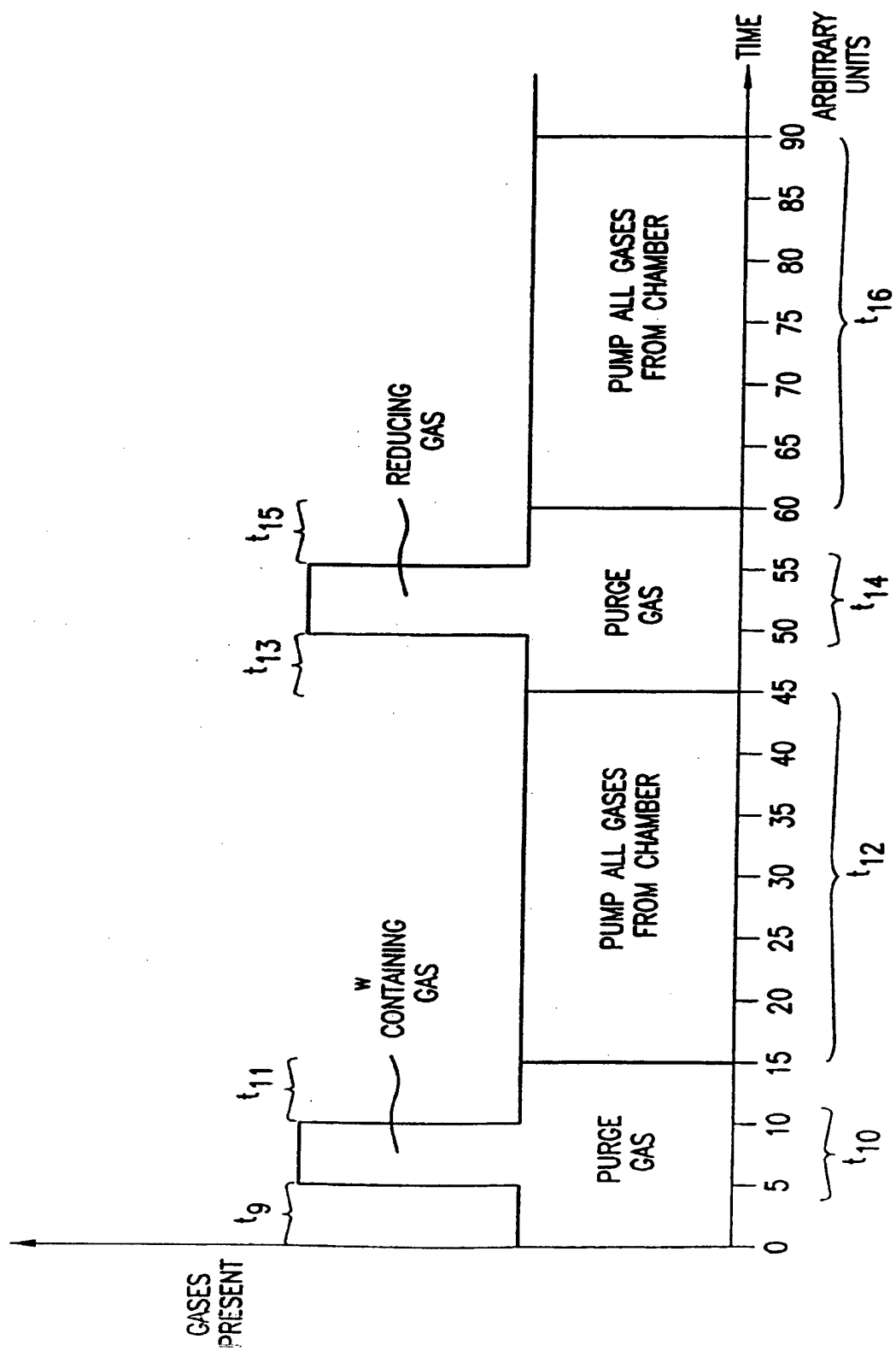


FIG. 10